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Republic Savings & Loan Assn.
Community Room
6300 East Mockingbird Lane
DALLAS, TEXAS, U.S.A.

PROGRAM: "Commemorative Coins of Israel and Archaelogical Experiences in Italy and the Holy Land"

SPEAKER: Dr. James Ward, Associate Dean of Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University, Dallas

The program this month should be one of the highlights of 1970 for the club. The speaker, Dr. James Ward, has spent 9 months in Rome and 3 months in the Holy Land participating in many archaelogical excavations. Dr. Ward will tell us of some of the findings he experienced during this time, as well as of the commemorative coinage of Israel.

PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE IN OUR MEETING LOCATION ABOVE. Recently, we learned that the NORTHWEST NATIONAL BANK, where we have been meeting since APRIL 1966, has decided to discontinue public use of their Community Room and convert it to a storage room.

Our new location, Republic Savings and Loan Association, will afford us excellent quarters on the ground level (no stairs) with the usual Coffee Service and other facilities. See the back of the order blank for a map to direct you to our new meeting site.

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NEW BULLETIN FORMAT

We start the year of 1970 by introducing to you a new format which greatly improves the quality of our monthly bulletin. As you can see this style of format will allow us to publish almost twice as much in the same amount of space that was used on our old format.

Further, the equipment we are now using will permit us to reproduce almost anything (except actual photographs) in any style of layout we desire. For example if you should want to write an article and include drawings at certain points of the text, this can be done easily as we are using a paste-up system to lay out each page.

As with all new things, we will be experimenting as we go along in order that we get as much capacity as possible from the new equipment. Your ideas, comments, suggestions, etc. are most welcome. Anyone desiring to publish any illustrated article in future bulletins should contact Marvin L. Fralay (at regular club address) or Patrick D. Hogan, 614 South Johnson St., Iowa City, Iowa 52240 for assistance. Now that we have the additional space available each month, it will be up to you, the membership, to assist us in our goals.

CLUB EMBLEM CONTEST

The new Club Emblem adorns the front page of this month's new format for the bulletin. Five months of work has gone into the final selection.

No single entry was received which seemed to convey the ideas of the Board of Governors when they announced the opening of the Emblem Contest in the August 1969 Bulletin. Therefore, it was decided that the selection committee would take ideas from several of the members entries in the contest. Their efforts resulted in the emblem which appears on the front of the printed program for the Annual Christmas Dinner Meeting (copy enclosed). As stated last August, the emblem presented by the selection committee, composed of artists, would be presented to the Board of Governors for final approval. It was decided at the last meeting of the Board of Governors to make some slight changes which you will note in the final selection on the front page of this bulletin.

We wish to thank all members who participated in this undertaking and also announce that each of you will shortly receive an enlarged copy of the emblem on a mounted surface which will be suitable for framing.

<u>1970 PROGRAMS</u>: The Program Committee is currently working on the schedule of monthly speakers for 1970. In the event that any non-local member is planning to be in Dallas on the evening of the meeting (3rd Wednesday each month), we would like to invite you to be a speaker before the club. Please let us know at least a month in advance when you plan to be in Dallas so that we may make the arrangements to include you in the planned festivities for the meeting. If you know now that your schedule will put you in Dallas on a meeting night, let us know promptly.

Also, any members who would like to invite a non-member to be a speaker are urged to contact Program Chairman Ed Edwards (350-0329). Many persons, our speaker this month for instance, have interests that border on numismatics which make highly interesting programs. Each member is requested to be alert during the year in assisting the Program Committee in obtaining speakers. Only through your continued assistance will be keep up our fine standards of the past.

NEW ORDER BLANK: With this issue of the bulletin we are also introducing a new type of order blank. You will note that the order blank is now a separate sheet, not part of your permanent bulletin. This type of blank will permit you to keep the left hand portion for your personal record of the items you have requested. The right hand side can be cut off and mailed to the person handling the club orders (John E. Vandigriff). Please remember that your remittance should always be sent with each order unless you are ordering against a credit balance you have on the books. Further, all orders should be received by the first day of the month following the offer. Inasmuch as the orders are not placed by the club until all members orders have been received, you should allow about 60-90 days for delivery. Only by using a system like this can be continue to offer you coins and reference books at a substantial savings.

let's communicate.....

BOB NELSON (#106) has asked assistance of the membership in obtaining a copy, new or used, of "Notgeld/German Emergency Notes/by Dr. Arnold Keller". Bob states that this series was reprinted in 1966-1967 and would appreciate knowing of where he might obtain a copy. Anyone having information on this book should contact Bob at: 1809 Bardfield, Garland, Texas 75040.

CPT. ALBERT J. RUH (#376) advises that he would like to correspond with other NI members who are interested in Siamese coinage. He states that he is attempting to obtain data on varieties and dates of all Siamese coinage, including bullet money. Any members who can be of assistance are requested to write Cpt. Ruh at the following address:

Box 432, OSD, Stu Bde USASCS
Fort Monmouth, New Jersey 07703

MEMBER NOTICE PAGE: It has been decided to use the back side of the order blank form as a page on which any member can place announcements.

These announcements should not be in the form of items you have for sale, but instead limited to wants, trading, etc. There will be no charge for use of this space and it will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. If we should receive more requests for space than available in any particular month, the items which were left out will be first in line for the following month's page. Keeping this in mind, it is requested that each member hold his notice to about 3 or 4 lines and only ONE NOTICE PER MONTH PER MEMBER.

You should write or type an exact copy of the type of notice you desire and send it to the Bulletin Editor at the regular club address.

Remember, no items offered for sale at a specific price will be accepted. Only notices which deal with trading, specific wants, announcement that you would like to trade for coins of a specific area, references you might be trying to locate, pen-pal requests, etc.

We have no back-log of notices on hand for the February issue of the bulletin, therefore, the space is available so let's hear from you and we will be happy to print your notice.

The NELSON and RUH notices above are prime examples of the type of announcements we desire for the Members Notices Page.

DECEMBER APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP: Membership applications #420-422 published in the December Bulletin have been admitted to membership.

JANUARY APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP: The following persons have applied for membership. If no written objection is received by February 1, 1970, their membership will become effective that date:

423-MT Jack SUTTON, 1420 San Pablo, Los Angeles, Calif. 90033 (Korean, Japanese & Manchukuo)

424-MT J. A. BURGERS, Blankenburgstr 16, Den Haag, Holland (Oriental, Greek & Roman Europe and Africa)

425-MT Silas LITTLE, CAAG - USOM, APO San Francisco 96346 (Southeast Asia)

426-MT Alfred CORNIL, Beausite, 2, 6100 Mont Sur Marchienne, Belgium -- (World Types)

(MT - Will trade by mail)

EXTRA COINS & BOOKS FROM PREVIOUS ORDERS STILL AVAILABLE:

2 -- PHILIPPINES, Y46-49 (no 50¢ included), UNC $ .50 set
1 -- "PILLARS & PORTRAITS - 2nd EDITION", by Harris 3.75 ea.

OUTSTANDING COIN ORDERS LISTED IN PAST BULLETINS:

Apr. 1969: All Austria (Original order lost in mail, reorder has been placed.)
Aug. 1969: All New Zealand & South Africa.
Oct. 1969: All Bulgaria.
Nov. 1969: All outstanding except Paraguay & Syria.
Dec. 1969: All items outstanding.

MEMBERS CHANGE OF ADDRESS:

269-MT Nate SHULMAN, 305 W. Cincinnati, Apt. 3, Las Vegas, Nevada 89102 -- (World Types)

367 CAPT. Albert J. RUH, Box 432, USD, STU BDE USASCS, Fort Monmouth, N. J. 07703 -- (Siamese Coinage and Primitive Southeast Asian Coinage)

1970 DUES: All members are reminded that the 1970 Dues are now being accepted. The 1970 Dues have been set by the Board of Governors at $3.00, which will include seamail delivery to those members overseas, except that those members who have an APO or FPO address shall receive airmail delivery. Additional charges for overseas airmail delivery are as follows:

$3.00 -- West Indies, Central and South America
$4.00 -- Western and Central Europe and North Africa
$5.00 -- Africa (other than North Africa), Australia and Asia

GUIDEBOOK OF THE SCARCE AND RARE COINS OF LATIN AMERICA, Edited by Dale Allan Seppa. Publishing by Hemisphere Coin Company, Box 451, San Antonio, Texas 78206.
1969, 66 pp., illustrated, card cover. ($1.50 or $2.00 -- regular surface mail or airmail)

This is a profusely illustrated, 66 page, bound book, which gives the average, minimum, wholesale values for all Latin American coins which are presently in demand by the dealers of foreign coins in the United States. The book covers the 1742 to 1969 era and is bilingual (English and Spanish).

Although the book is useful for any numismatist, it is primarily written for, and directed to, Coindealers, Coinshow "bargain hunters", people who wish to sell Latin American coins to dealers, and people who live in or who travel frequently to Latin America.

All South and Central American countries are very completely covered and coins are listed by both date and mintmark. They are also listed exactly the way the denomination appears on the coin, an aid to beginners.

The price of the book is U.S. $1.50 by prepaid surface mail, or U.S. $2.00 by prepaid airmail. Dealers may inquire for quantity discounts. Retail orders can be sent direct to the publisher.

THE COINS OF CYPRUS, 1489-1571, by Soterios Gardiakos. Obol International, Box 907, Oak Park, Illinois 60301.
1969, 36 pp., illustrated, 3 maps, card cover. ($2.00)

This booklet gives a complete listing of the known varieties of Venetian coins struck for their occupation of Cyprus. The author progresses from a brief history of the island into a discussion of the coin denominations and a catalog of 77 varieties of the Venetian issues, including the seige pieces of Famagusta (1570-71). A rarity guide completes the catalog.

This book should be welcomed by all collectors of modern coins for it fills a long felt need for such information. Information on late-medieval or early modern coins is found mostly in expensive specialistic catalogs, mostly inaccessible to the collector of moderate means. Such information in the English language is rare. --Patrick D. Hogan--

(Editor's Note: The last two books (GUIDEBOOK OF THE SCARCE AND RARE COINS OF LATIN AMERICA and THE COINS OF CYPRUS) are available for loan from the library of Numismatics International.)

"THE GUIDE BOOK OF 1670-1970 CANADIAN COINS, PAPER CURRENCY, AND TOKENS" by Somer James:

(A comprehensive review of the above book was planned for this month's bulletin but shortage of space has delayed this review until February. This new reference, released November 20, 1969, is highly recommended to any collector of Canadian coinage or paper money. More details next month.)

A LISTING OF ORIENTAL COINS

by Patrick D. Hogan

Recently I made allusions to the Afghanistan section of Wm. D. Craig's "Coins of the World 1750-1850" (COW) when I noted that all the copper coins illustrated on page 598 were from the mint of Qandahar. It does not take a discerning eye to note that the Afghanistan issues presented in this work are done so in a manner leaving much to be desired. Indeed, a browse through the Oriental section of this popular catalog shows a very weak presentation. This is no doubt owing to the fact that the author specialized in a field other than Oriental. Future editions will undoubtedly work towards strengthening all sections of this book, and we owe Mr. Craig a great deal for plowing the groundwork on the coins of this era.

Meanwhile it seems a worthwhile task to present a useful supplementary listing of all the Oriental coins of this era here. I will make use of as many available references that I can in presenting a listing with as much information and illustrations as I can. I emphasize that this will be A listing, not THE listing, and will be presented in the most useful manner I deem necessary. It will not follow the COW format exactly; I'll take whichever road seems best. In the end, I'll sing the refrain from Papa Sinatra's recent song, "I did it my way".

As an illustration of the way my roads wind, I begin with the Durrani Empire of Afghanistan, which will be listed by mint and followed by the Barakzai Empire (1842-). It seems that owing to the confusion rampant in the state due to the civil wars engendered by different claimants to the throne after 1801, this is the sanest way.

AFGHANISTAN:

Durrani Empire:

The Durrani Empire of Afghanistan arose from the ashes of the Safavid and Mughal empires of Persia and India, whose destructions were sparked by the terrible conqueror, Nadir Shah Afshari (ruled 1736-47). Nadir's empire stretched from Georgia and Armenia to Delhi. His rule was tyrannical and bloody and he was finally assassinated by his own officers in June 1747. His successor to the throne was his nephew, but real power in the East was assumed by one of Nadir's generals, Sardar Ahmad Khan Abdali of the Sadozai clan. At Qandahar Ahmad proclaimed himself Ahmad Shah, Badshah, Durr i Durran (Emperor, Pearl of Pearls). Henceforth the Abdalis were known as Durranis.

Durrani history can be divided into two main phases. The first phase was one of power and expansion, personified by Ahmad Shah. During his reign he invaded Northern India six times, badly dissipating the power of the Mughal emperors. He added much of this area to his new state, including Multan, Lahore and Kashmir. His victory at Panipat in January 1761 crush the Hindu Mahrettas who victories had carried them north to Delhi.

The second phase was one of recedence for the Afghan tide, typified by the loss of outlying provinces to other powers, and internal struggles between rival claimants for the throne. The first two successors to Ahmad Shah had to contend with pretenders before they could rest on the throne. After the death of Zaman Shah, rivals fought tooth and nail for the imperial throne. A record of the ups and downs of the rulers and would-be rulers reflect the chaos and confusion of the final years of the Durrani rule in Afghanistan. By 1818 the Durrani power became so dissipated that actual power was in the hands of the Barakzai chiefs.

One of these, Dost Muhammad, eventually assumed the imperial titles and entered Kabul in 1842 to inaugurate the new Barakzai Empire, whose descendent presides yet over Afghanistan.

The coins of the Durranis are mostly on the rupee standard, though some pieces were on the Persian standard. Most are full rupees and full muhurs. A rupee normally weighs 11.5 grams and normal muhur weighs 10.9 grams. Fractions of the gold muhur are unknown; fractions of the rupee are rarely met outside late Kashmir and Hirat issues. Early silver issues at most mints are on full standard of 11.5 grams, deteriorating in weight later to about 9 grams.

There was little attempt to strike copper money on a uniform scale. Weights vary with local custom and demand. Issues of Ahmad Shah correspond roughly to the dam of 20.7 grams.

None of the coins are inscribed with a denomination. The copper coins bear the word falus which translates simply -- "copper money".

Legends on gold and silver issues are generally alike. The obverse contains a couplet legend of an allusive nature, and often the Hijri date. The reverse bears the mint and regnal date and at time the formula sana julus maimanat manus. Year of Accession associated with Prosperity. Few pieces bear the Kalima inscription, the Muslim Profession of Faith.

The coins described in these pages are mostly taken from the "Catalogue of the Coins in the Panjab Museum, Lahore, Vol. III, Coins of Nadir Shah and the Durrani Dynasty", by R. B. Whitehead (1934).

(To be continued)

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DECEMBER DINNER MEETING: The annual dinner meeting was attended by approximately 45 members and guests. Master of Ceremonies, Tilden P. Wright, opened the meeting promptly at 8:00 P.M. by asking James B. Harris to give the Invocation. After the dinner, which was accompanied by music "south of the border style", President-Elect Bill Benson reported on the highly successful Exhibit Night held in November. All First Place exhibits were on display during the dinner meeting. President Ed Slade reviewed the club achievements during 1969 and awarded ANA Educational Certificates to a number of persons who had presented excellent programs to the club during the past two years. The awarding of these certificates will be an annual event at the dinner meeting to reward the best speakers of the year. A surprise event, not covered in the printed program for obvious reasons, occurred when Marvin L. Fraley was called on to present Past President Jack E. Lewis with an Honorary Life Membership in Numismatics International. The award was in recognition of the service to the club as an officer and untireless worker for many committee and staff assignments Jack has unselfishly accomplished during the 5-1/2 year history of Numismatics International.

Bob Tomlinson presented the silver "Past President" medal to outgoing President Ed Slade. Installation of the 1970 Officers followed this. The speaker for the evening, Holland Wallace, was detained in Racine, Wisconsin due to unforeseen business commitments and wired his regrets and apologies that he would be unable to attend. The meeting was climaxed with the call on each person to introduce themselves, their guests, and tell of their collecting interest and give their profession.

(A copy of the printed Christmas Dinner Meeting program is enclosed with this mailing of the bulletin.)

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	Y48	1 Lek, 1969, Aluminum	3.00
		(All above: Comm. 25th Anniv. of Liberation)	
INDIA:	Y87	20 Paise (1969), Alum.-Bronze	.50
	Y88	50 Paise (1969), Nickel	.75
	Y89	1 Rupee (1969), Nickel	1.50
	Y90	10 Rupees (1969), Silver	3.50
		(All above: Comm. Centennial Birth of Gandhi)	
PORTUGAL:	YA61	50 Centavos, 1969, Bronze	.15
	YB61	1 Escudo, 1969, Bronze	.25
SINGAPORE:	Y7	150 Dollars, 1969, Gold, Comm. 150th Anniversary Founding of Singapore	--
TURKS & CAICOS ISLANDS:	Y1	1 Crown, 1969, Copper-Nickel	3.00
WESTERN SAMOA:	Y8	1 Tala, 1969, Copper-Nickel, Comm. 75th Anniv. Death of Robert Louis Stevenson	3.50

EVERYONE CAN BE A NUMISMATIC RESEARCHER

The International Banknote Society is trying to complete and perfect the listings in George Sten's first two volumes "Banknotes of the World". Completeness and accuracy are essential to the serious numismatist in his quest of both a collection and the knowledge which he develops.

If any member of NI has paper money not listed in "Banknotes of the World" or listed incorrectly, the information will be necessary to future revisions of the books. Please check your collection and send all data regarding the notes to:

William E. Benson
2500 Howell Street
Dallas, Texas 75201

In the IBNS Journal, issued quarterly, I am compiling this information for the members' use. It will also be incorporated in future editions of the books.

If you find paper money interesting, you should be a member of IBNS. Contact me for membership information.